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January 2002 Newsletter

This information was compiled by Myrtle Krouse for a handout at the Museum.

# MISSOURI FLAT CEMETERY

This cemetery lies about 1/4 mile from the Josephine County line on North Applegate Road in Jackson County.

Brekenridge Wooldridge was the first grave.

Looking up Slagle Creek to the east and against the ridge that runs from Billy Mountain to "Old Blue" you see the Logan Wooldridge place where he raised wheat, had an orchard, grew a big garden, had chickens, turkeys, cows to milk, and grew 8 children to adulthood.

Due north and over the low ridge of manzanita covered hills lies the Donation land claim that Peter Caris and his wife Jane Applegate Caris inherited in the 1860's.

Missouri Flat begins at the cemetery and is shaped like a left hand. Slagle creek is the thumb. Kubli road goes straight ahead to Caris creek -- the fore finger; next is Miners' creek, Rock creek, and Miller creek. On the main road -- the wrist --is the old house of William York, who's family of 5 boys and 3 girls grew up. This family put cattle on Grayback summer range, saddling the bull and leaving the saddle under a blanket and a tree till fall gathering time.

Miller creek's Mountain Lion Mine area was the home of Fred Miller who also had 8 children. His wife was Lincoln Savages' sister. Fred's sister was Mrs. Henry Hanson of Humbug creek and they had a large family (there were 8 or 9 of them ).

Kasper Kubli had a store on his place about half way between the cemetery and the Caris place. He married Emma Cook from another large family. They had 3 boys and no girls in that family until over 50 years went by.

These are basically the families who populated the Missouri Flat Cemetery.

Hope everyone had a joyous and healthy holiday season.

The museum has been closed since October for the winter, but I'm sure that Peggy will be calling soon those that have items for display as March will be here sooner than we know. If any one has items that they would like to display don't hesitate to call Peggy. Her number is 846-6392. I'm sure she'd love to here from you. I know she hopes to change the display a few times during the open season.

We have a few implements for display to put in the back of the building. We will continue the landscaping in the back this spring.

Our January meeting will be the 19th at 10:00 AM at the Museum.

The election of officers was held at the November meeting, they are as follows: President - Bill Dunlap; Vice President - Alice Matheny; Secretary/Treasurer - Barbara Niedermeyer; Board - John Black, Steve Decker, Cathy Dunlap and Isabel Goode. Many thanks to all of them for donating their time to this organization. Keep up the good work.

See you the 19th at 10:00 AM with your chair at the Museum.

I would love to have some stories about the Applegate Valley to pass on to the other members. They don't have to be long. Any of you that could help me out I would greatly appreciate. You can send them to the PO Box. I'll be looking for them.

Barbara Niedermeyer
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